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Oceans and the law of the sea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects,[1]

Recognizing the work done by the Group of Experts, and welcoming their contribution to moving the Regular Process forward,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore, in consultation with the Group of Experts, the establishment of appropriate means to address the communication requirements of the Regular Process, having in mind the need to avoid duplication of efforts, and to report on the findings as soon as practicable;

3. *Requests* the secretariat of the Regular Process, with the assistance of the Group of Experts, to inventory, on a preliminary basis, capacity-building for assessments and types of experts for workshops and to report on these issues at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, upon the request of the Group of Experts and in line with paragraph 211 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 of 7 December 2010, to facilitate the use of appropriate data handling and information schemes within the United Nations system, drawing on the experiences, existing systems and support of other United Nations specialized agencies and programmes;

5. *Invites* States to provide comments on the possible outline for the first global integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment, including

[1] A/65/759.
[2] Ibid., annex.

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socio-economic aspects,[3] the draft criteria for the appointment of experts and the draft guidelines for workshops by 30 April 2011, and requests the Group of Experts to prepare, by 30 May 2011, revised versions of those draft documents so as to reflect the comments of States, for further discussion and adoption at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole;

6. *Requests* the Group of Experts, in consultation with the secretariat of the Regular Process and the assistance of the members of UN-Oceans, to explore means of leveraging existing systems to manage the information that comprises the foundation of the global marine assessment and to report its findings by 30 May 2011 for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole at its next meeting;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene within existing resources the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 27 and 28 June 2011 to address outstanding issues identified in the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole,[1] with a view to enabling the first cycle of the first integrated assessment to proceed, and to provide recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-sixth session.

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[3] Annex C to the set of options; see www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm.